

Fig. 2

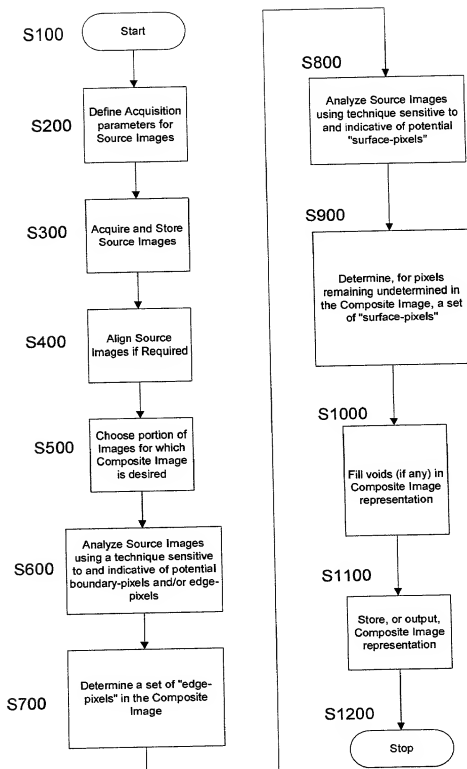


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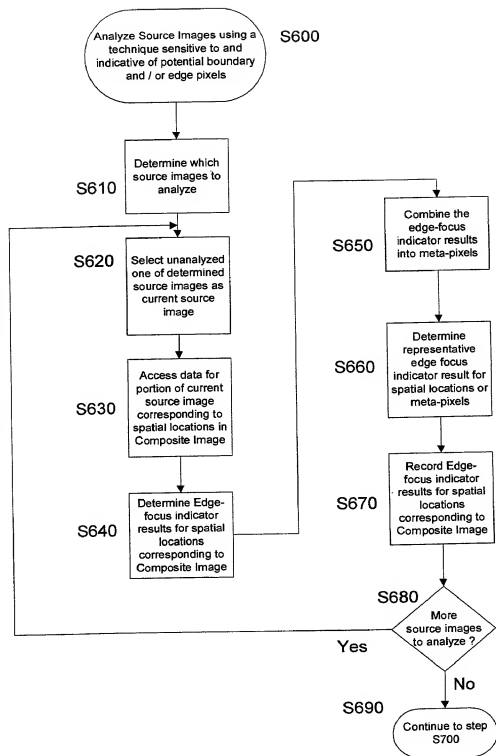


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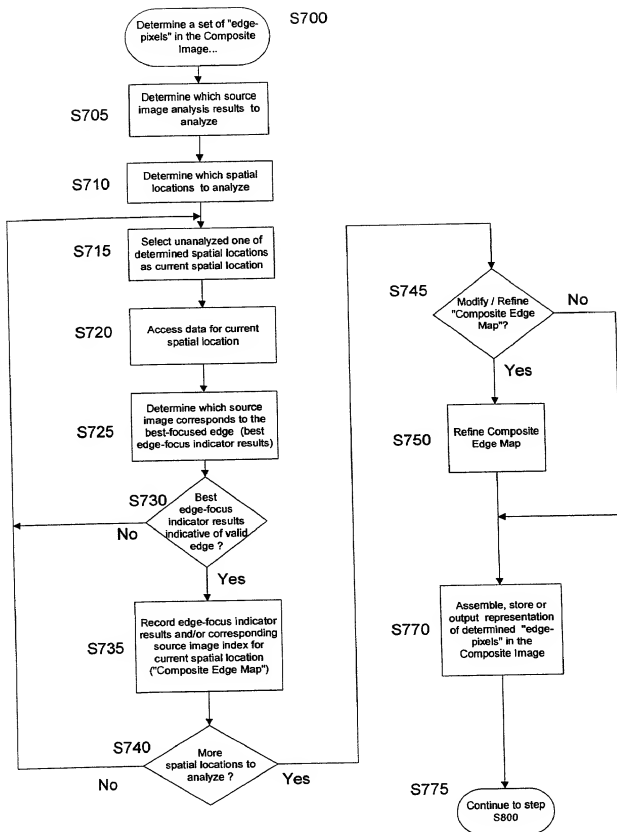
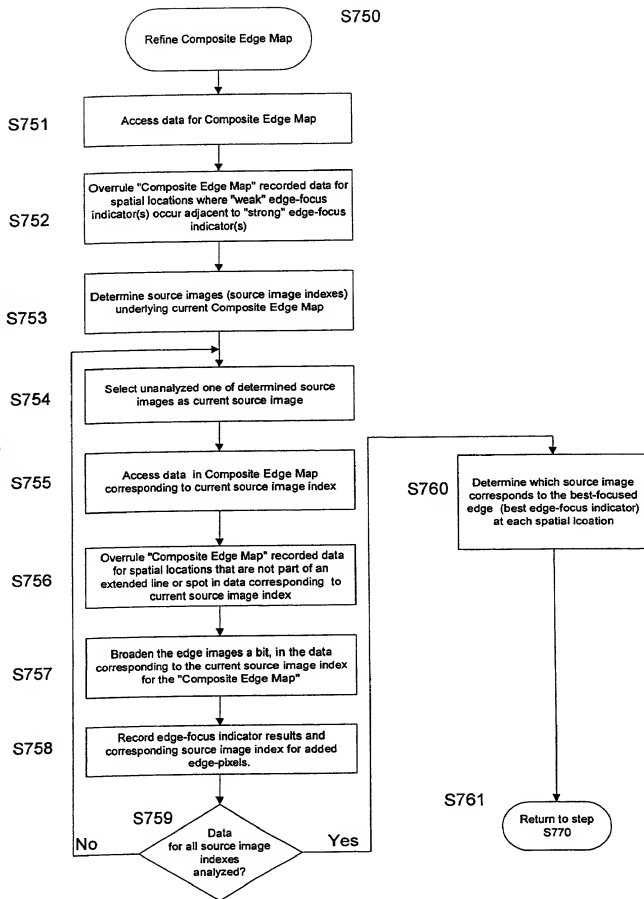


Fig. 5



Analyze Source Images using a technique sensitive to and indicative of potential surface pixels

S810

Determine which source images to analyze

S820

Select unanalyzed  
one of determined  
source images as  
current source  
image

**S830**

Access data for  
portion of current  
source image  
corresponding to  
spatial locations in  
Composite Image

S840

Determine  
Surface-focus  
indicator results  
for spatial  
locations  
corresponding to  
Composite Image

**S850**

Combine the surface-focus indicator results into meta-pixels

S860

Determine  
representative  
edge focus  
indicator result for  
spatial locations or  
meta-pixels

**S870**

Record surface-focus indicator results for spatial locations corresponding to Composite Image

**S880**

Yes

More source images to analyze ?

**S890**

Continue to step  
S900

Fig. 7

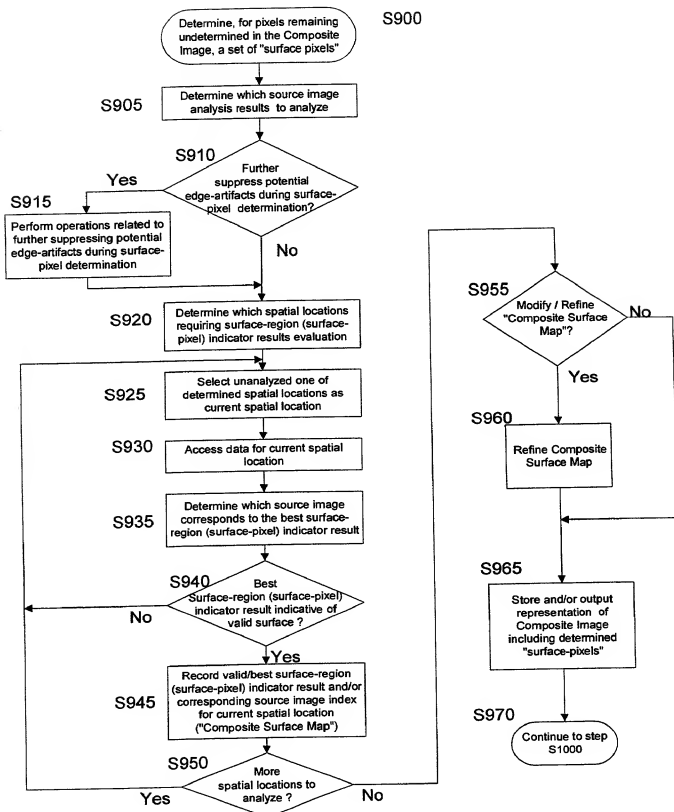


Fig. 8



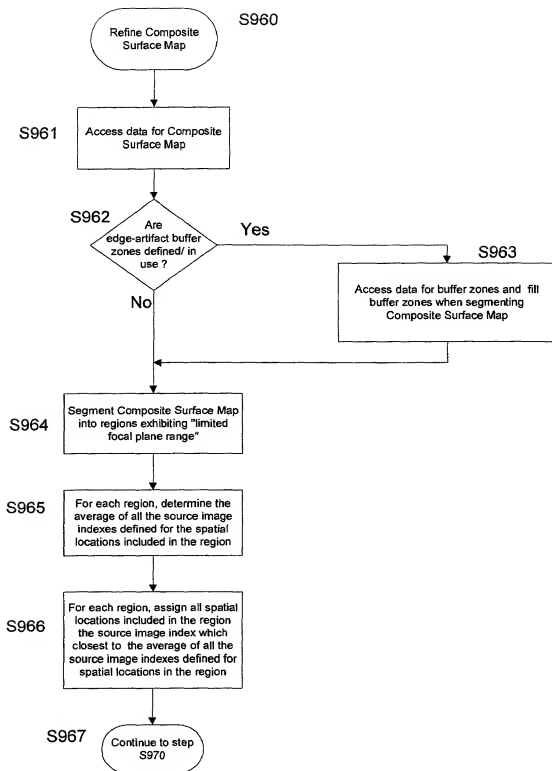


Fig. 9

Fig. 10

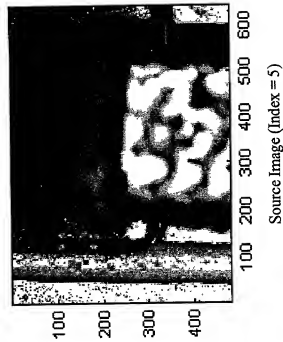
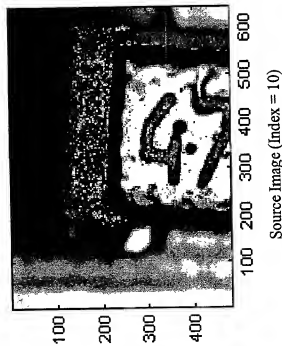


Fig. 11



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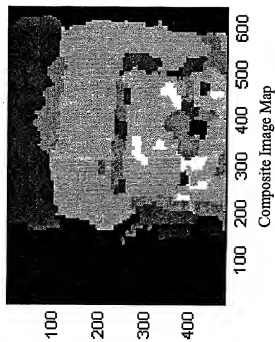


Fig. 12

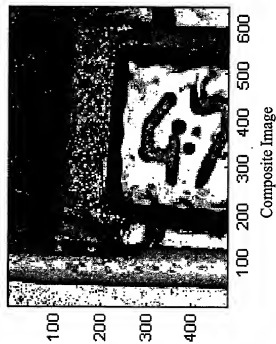


Fig. 13